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Honorable Norman Sisisky Member, United States House of Representatives 309 County Street, Suite 204 Portsmouth, Virginia 23704

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Dear Congressman Sisisky:

This is in reply to your letter of October 20, 1993, on behalf of your constituent, Jane M. Reuter. Ms. Reuter is concerned that the relaxation of regulations regarding prohibited communication within the amateur radio service, as stated in Section 97.113 of the Commission's Rules 47 C.F.R. § 97.113, will result in congestion on amateur service frequencies.

The Commission released a Report and Order (R&O) in PR Docket 92-136, July 28, 1993, concerning communications prohibited by Section 97.113. new rules, which became effective September 12, 1993, provide amateur operators greater flexibility for public service and personal communications without altering the nature and purpose of the amateur service. The majority of comments filed during this proceeding indicate that the amateur service community supports the relaxation of restrictions against prohibited communications. A copy of the R&O is enclosed.

These new regulations will require greater responsibility for self-regulation on the part of amateur operators. Historically, however, amateur operators have demonstrated a willingness and ability to maintain the level of integrity required for this relaxation of the rules. We believe that the amateur service and the general public will benefit from these rule changes.

I trust this is responsive to your inquiry.

Ralph A. Haller

Chief, Private Radio Bureau

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Ms. Ellen Rafferty Congressional Liaison Specialist Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street, NW Washington, D. C. 20554

Dear Ms. Rafferty:

I have enclosed a copy of the correspondence I have received from Jane Reuter, Portsmouth Amateur Radion Club, 2836 Hreenwood Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia 23321.

Please examine the contents and answer the questions raised.

Please respond to my staff at 309 County Street, Suite 204, Portsmouth, Virginia 23704.

Sincerely,

NORMAN SISISKY

Member of Congress

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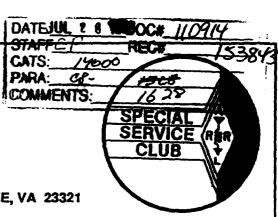
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The Honorable Morman Sisisky U.S. Hause of Representationer Yashington, D.C. 20515 Dear Representative Sisisky, Concern for availability of frequencies for amateur radio use is currently passed with the Relaxation on Scope of permissible Communications ( PR Docket 92-135). The "personal Communications needs" could engage the prequencies for ordering fold and/or making frequency. apprinsence fatisfing personal traffic james fatisfing personal needs can be done via telephones, ax machiney, and other devices. requencies for the public Service We need your attention and support in this protection of frequencies thank your far your time and interest. Spendtruly, Janem. Beuter N49 YZ